(4) Ensure equity between different classes of tax payers/property owners;

(5) Facilitate self assessment of property tax by property owners/occupiers.

Perspective Plan for Delhi

426. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is perennial power and water shortage in the Capital and yet proposals for new colonies and multi-storey buildings are being approved;

(b) whether there is a perspective plan to meet these shortages on permanent basis; and

(c) what steps are being taken to develop satellite towns to get rid the Capital of the present congestion?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Due to the burgeoning.population in the Capital, a large part of which is due to the in-migration there is power and water shortage in the city. However, housing especially for the low and middle income Groups, has to be provided for. Regarding power and water shortage, the matter is monitored at various levels. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and other local authorities are being continuously pressed to ensure that no-unauthorised or multi-storeyed buildings, which is not in accordance with the bye-laws and the Delhi Master Plan, is allowed to come up or continue.

The Delhi Vidyut Board and the Delhi Jal Board also make concerted efforts to reduce the gap between the actual demand and supply of power and water respectively.

(c) The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) was set up to decongest Delhi by diverting various'activities to the NCR areas and satellite towns. The NCRPB and the Govt, of India have provided loan assistance of Rs. 828.46 crores till December, 1999 to the participating States for implementation of 135 schemes.

HUDCO Assistance for Drinking Water Scheme in Karnataka

427. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has agreed to provide assistance to Karnataka for drinking water schemes;

(b) if so, the number of drinking water schemes proposed to be taken in Karnataka with HUDCO assistance; and

(c) the amount of assistance sought for and the amount so far released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The HUDCO has informed that the KUWS & DB, has so far submitted four water supply and one underground drainage scheme for a total project cost of Rs. 143.66 crores with a loan amount of Rs. 100.56 crores.

(c) The HUDCO has informed that the Govt, of Karnataka has so far sought loan assistance of Rs. 462.85 crores for water supply and drainage sector (38 schemes) and HUDCO has already sanctioned 33 schemes in above sector with the project cost of Rs. 761.70 crores and loan assistance of Rs. 362.29 crores. Out of sanctioned loan of Rs. 362.29 crores, an amount of Rs. 200.70 crores have already been released.

Urban Development Schemes in Assam

428. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up urban development schemes in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of on-going schemes, particularly in Southern Assam known as Barak Valley;

(c) the amount allocated for these schemes during the past two years;

(d) what is the progress and whether it is satisfactory; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of ongoing schemes inAssam including Barak Valley is as under:

(i) Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT): Details at Anncxure-I *[see* Appertdex 189, Annexure No.-l1]

(ii) Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP): Details at Annexure-II*[see* Appendix 189, Annexure No.-l 1]

(iii) Urban infrastucture schemes financed by HUDO: Details at Annexure-III. *[see* Appendix 189, Annexure No.-l 1]